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NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST NEW EXAMINATION PROCESS

Effective March 1, 2003, the California Board of Psychology will require all applicants for licensure as a psychologist to pay the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) fee directly to the Professional Examination Service (PES).

After March 1, 2003, if an applicant possesses a qualifying doctoral degree and has completed at least 1,500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience, his/her name will be forwarded to PES in New York. Subsequently, PES will provide the applicant with a fee form along with the application materials. The applicant will send his/her completed application back to PES along with the exam fee in order to take the computer administered EPPP. The fee can be paid using a credit card, or a certified check or money order. The EPPP fee amount to be paid directly to PES is \$500.

Once PES receives the application materials and the \$500 exam fee, an Authorization to Test Letter will be sent by PES to the applicant authorizing him/her to sit for the EPPP. The Authorization to Test Letter will provide the applicant with the toll-free telephone number of the testing center for use in scheduling an examination appointment and for additional instructions on the scheduling process.

An applicant who qualifies to take the EPPP after March 1, 2003, and has already submitted to the Board the \$532 EPPP fee will receive a full refund. The applicant will then be required to pay the \$500 EPPP fee directly to PES using their payment system in order to take the exam. The refund can take approximately six to eight weeks to process. It may be necessary for an applicant to pay the \$500 fee to PES before the refund is received.